CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Image 25
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1001296.000
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	13 September 2010
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes. The printout contains a montage of smaller colour images of children and young persons engaged in explicitly depicted sexual activity with other young persons , or young persons displaying their genitals to the camera. The purpose of the image is sexual titillation and arousal. It encourages adults to view children and young persons as sexually desirable and available for their sexual gratification. The affect is to strengthen a sexual interest in children and young persons and encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that fall under the criteria of s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 will be deemed objectionable. The classification is a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect vulnerable children and young persons from exploitation.